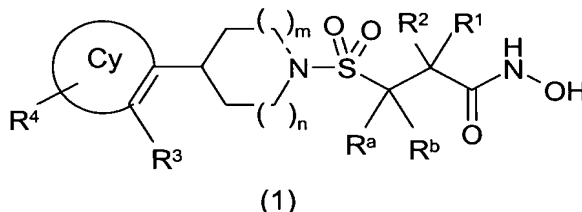


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein:

Cy is an aryl or heteroaryl group;

m is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3; in which the sum of m and n is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

R^1 is a group selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylheteroaryl, $-C_{1-6}$ alkylheterocycloalkyl ~~or~~ and $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, in which each aryl ~~or~~ and heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R^1 , ~~may is~~ optionally ~~be~~ substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R^7 substituents ~~selected from the group R^7 , wherein each R^7 may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $-CN$, $-CO_2R^{7a}$, $-CON(R^{7a})_2$ or $-COR^{7a}$; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl ~~or~~ and cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R^1 , ~~may is~~ optionally ~~be~~ substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R^8 substituents ~~selected from the group R^8 , wherein each R^8 may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $=O$, $=NOR^{10}$, $-CO_2R^{8a}$, $-CON(R^{8a})_2$ or $-COR^{8a}$;~~~~

each R^7 is, independently, F, Cl, Br, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $-CN$, $-CO_2R^{7a}$, $-CON(R^{7a})_2$ or $-COR^{7a}$.

each R^{7a} , which may be the same or different, is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl group;

each R^8 is, independently, F, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $=O$, $=NOR^{10}$, $-CO_2R^{8a}$, $-CON(R^{8a})_2$ or $-COR^{8a}$;

~~each~~ R^{8a} , ~~which may be the same or different, is each~~ is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl group;

R^{10} is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl group;

R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl group;

or R^1 and R^2 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R^9 substituents ~~selected from the group R^9 , wherein each R^9 may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $=O$, $=NOR^{10}$, $-CO_2R^{8a}$, $-CON(R^{8a})_2$ or $-COR^{8a}$;~~

each R^9 is, independently, F, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, $=O$, $=NOR^{10}$, $-CO_2R^{8a}$, $-CON(R^{8a})_2$ or $-COR^{8a}$;

R^3 ~~is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br, C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} haloalkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-3} haloalkoxy or $-CN$;~~

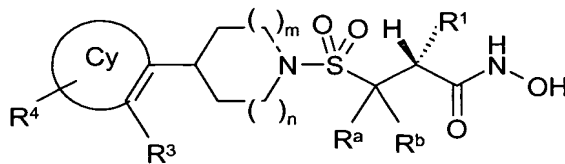
R^4 ~~is a hydrogen, F, Cl, or Br, atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-3} haloalkyl, C_{1-3} alkoxy, C_{1-3} haloalkoxy, $-CN$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SO_2N(R^6)_2$, $-CON(R^6)_2$, $-N(R^6)_2$, $-NHSO_2R^5$ or $-NHCOR^5$ group;~~

R^5 is a C_{1-3} alkyl group;

~~each~~ R^6 , ~~which may be the same or different, is each~~ is, independently, a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-3} alkyl group; and

R^a and R^b , which may be the same or different, ~~is are each an atom or group selected from hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl, or R^a and R^b may be joined to together with the carbon atom to which they are attached~~ form a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group as defined for R^1 and R^2 optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R^9 substituents;
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof~~
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.

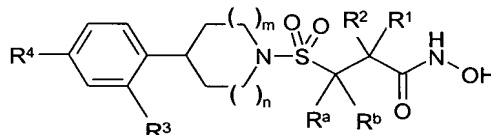
2. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (2):



(2)

wherein m , n , Cy , R^a , R^b , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1;
 and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof
 or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.

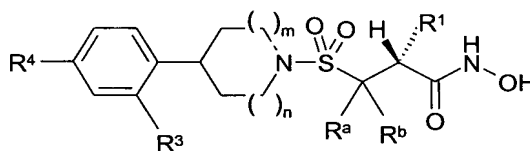
3. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (3):



(3)

wherein m , n , R^a , R^b , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1;
 and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof
 or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.

4. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 3 ~~which has the~~ of formula (4):



(4)

wherein m , n , R^a , R^b , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1;
 and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof
 or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.

5. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein Cy is a phenyl group.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein R^a and R^b is are each a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein m is the integer 1 and n is zero or the integer 1.

8. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim in which~~ according to Claim 1 wherein n is the integer 1.
9. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim in which~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is a group selected from C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂phenyl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂heteroaryl, -(CH₂)₁₋₂heterocycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH₂)₁₋₂C₃₋₆cycloalkyl, each of which is optionally substituted ~~in which each phenyl or heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁷, as defined in Claim 1; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R¹, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁸, as defined in Claim 1.~~
10. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 9 wherein R¹ is a group selected from optionally substituted C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl, heterocycloalkyl, C₃₋₆cycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH₂)₁₋₂phenyl.
11. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1, 3 or 5 to 8 in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R¹ and R² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a an optionally substituted C₃₋₆cycloalkyl group ~~optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R⁹, as defined in Claim 1.~~
12. (original) A compound according to Claim 11 in which R¹ and R² together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclobutyl group.
13. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R³ is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, -CF₃, -CF₂H, methoxy, ethoxy, -OCF₃, -OCF₂H or -CN.
14. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R⁴ is ~~an atom or group selected from a~~ hydrogen, F, ~~or Cl, atom or a~~ methyl, -CF₃, methoxy or -OCF₂H group.

15. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R³ is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, C₁₋₃alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxy.
16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15 wherein R³ is a C₁₋₃ alkyl or C₁₋₃alkoxy group.
17. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 15 ~~or Claim 16~~ wherein R³ is a methyl or methoxy group.
18. (currently amended) A compound which is:
2-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;
2-[4-(2-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;
2-benzyl-*N*-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;
2-benzyl-*N*-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;
N-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-2-phenylpropionamide;
2(*R*)-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;
2(*R*)-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;
1-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;
1-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof~~
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.
19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.